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The Honorable Albert Gore
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gore:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of September 8, and considerably more grateful for the trouble which you have taken with my request. I wonder if I may ask you to investigate one additional allegation of my original letter? My understanding is that Mr. Powers' contract provided that he destroy his airplane and if necessary, himself, to prevent embarrassment to our government.

I believe this is the critical issue, since his non-performance would abrogate the contract.

I wonder if it would be possible to obtain a copy of the contract. I have recently come from active duty with the United States Navy and I am sufficiently cleared to read whatever provisions might be classified. If the classification is very high, then of course you cannot send me a copy in the mail. I will be in Washington, however, in November and would like to stop and read it while I am there.

I am very anxious, as you can probably see, that we go no further in making a hero of this man. If he is entitled to that pay under the contract, and if he has faithfully performed, then I want him to have every penny of what is coming to him. If he has not, however, I don't want him to have a single penny.

Again, sir, I appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

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